

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action issued June 28, 2004, claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Crim, U.S. Patent No. 5,920,866. Claims 4 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Crim and Johnson, U.S. Patent No. 5,721,847.

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-8 are now pending in this application. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 has been cancelled, making the rejection of claim 6 moot.

The present invention is not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, the references relied upon in the Office Action, as the prior art references do not disclose or suggest the claimed features of the present invention.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention according to claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 is not anticipated by Crim. Crim discloses a process and apparatus for generating value lists. The operations for generating a value list include providing a first database having a plurality of fields configured to display values that are associated with predefined information types. If the user wants to create a value list a radio button is selected to enable the definition of a new value list. The user may define the format in which the value list will be displayed to the user during data entry. Generally, there are many suitable types of control formats that may be used. Suitable controls may include a pop-up list, a pop-up menu,

checkboxes, radio buttons, etc. It should be understood that the manner in which the value lists are displayed may be modified at anytime, such as for example, before, during or after the creation of the value list.

By contrast, the present invention requires stored information that enables attributes relating to a data item stored on the database corresponding to the data field to be displayed upon user command while the form continues to be displayed and which defines one or more data items stored on the database other than the data item corresponding to the at least one data field. The Examiner identifies the disclosed value list 513 as being the information that enables attributes relating to a data item stored on the database corresponding to the data field to be displayed upon user command while the form continues to be displayed and identifies the format of the value list as being the information which defines one or more data items stored on the database other than the data item corresponding to the at least one data field. By the plain language of the claim, it is seen that these are not two different pieces of information, as is applied by the Examiner, but rather two requirements for the same piece of information. Neither the disclosed value list 513 nor the disclosed format is the required single piece of information that performs both functions. Thus, Crim does not disclose the present invention as recited in claim 1.

Likewise, Crim does not disclose the present invention as recited in claim 5. Claim 5 recites information defining a computation to be performed based on data values obtained from the database. Crim discloses radio button 504 for

defining format. This radio button and format definition does not use data values obtained from the database. Thus, Crim does not disclose the present invention as recited in claim 5.

Thus, the present invention according to claims 1 and 5, and according to claims 3 and 7, which depend therefrom, are not anticipated by Crim.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention according to claims 4 and 8 is not obvious over the combination of Crim and Johnson. The combination of Crim and Johnson still does not disclose or suggest the features of the present invention, as recited by claims 1 and 5, that are not disclosed by Crim alone. Since claims 4 and 8 depend from claims 1 and 5, respectively, this means that the combination of Crim and Johnson does not disclose all of the claimed features recited by claims 4 and 8. Thus, claims 4 and 8 are not obvious in view of the combination of Crim and Johnson.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is allowable over the references relied upon in the Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

**Additional Fees:**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0056).

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Schwartz", written in a cursive style.

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